

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives are delighted to honor an outstanding Missourian who has witnessed dramatic changes in America during her sojourn on this most precious earth; and

Whereas, Maria Battaglia, a cherished resident of St. Louis, Missouri, will commemorate the resplendent occasion of her One Hundredth Birthday on February 17, 2005; and

Whereas, on February 17, 2005, in Cefalu, Italy, God brought a special gift to this world with the birth of an adorable infant by the name of Maria, who would put a twinkle in people's eyes and fill their hearts with love and joy; and

Whereas, while celebrating her birthday, Maria Battaglia will have the opportunity to reminisce about some of the significant events in her life such as growing up in the company of two sisters and four brothers, arriving in the United States at Ellis Island at the tender age of 17, marrying Joseph Battaglia, and giving birth to their offspring; and

Whereas, God has blessed Maria Battaglia with the love and affection of a wonderful family whose members include seven children, eleven grandchildren, twenty-two great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren; and

Whereas, a member of the Missouri Century Club and a former employee of Morgenthalers Drapery Cleaners, Maria Battaglia has enjoyed many hobbies and pastimes over the past century, some of which include crocheting and baking Italian bread, cookies, and pizza the old Italian way; and

Whereas, Maria Battaglia, who is a devote Roman Catholic, derives a tremendous amount of spiritual fulfillment by saying her rosary and reading about the saints; and

Whereas, at the respectable age of 100, Maria Battaglia is extremely grateful for the countless blessings she has received throughout the course of her long and eventful life:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations and special birthday greetings to Maria Battaglia at this significant milestone and in wishing her peace and contentment as she continues to enjoy her golden years; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Missouri centenarian Maria Battaglia, as a measure of our esteem for her.

Offered by _____
Representative Mike Daus
District No. 67

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 387, adopted February 8, 2005.

Rod Jetton, Speaker